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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington DC 20160



REF: 2019 Targeted Airshed Grant Program, EPA-OAR-OAQPS-20-01

To whom it my concern:

Klamath County Public Health (KCPH) has a vested interest in the air quality in our county. When Klamath Falls was designated as a nonattainment area for PM<sub>10</sub> and later PM<sub>2.5</sub>, KCPH mobilized a multi-sector, multi-faceted intervention and worked with community partners to improve Klamath's air quality. Since 2013, Klamath Falls has met the 3-year 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> rolling averages of 35  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  through public education, enforcement of the Clean Air Ordinance, and wood stove change outs.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been a stalwart partner, providing guidance and resources throughout Klamath's air quality improvement efforts. DEQ understands that KCPH staff are seen as the trusted, local experts who are able to leverage established relationships to engage the community in emission reduction activities. In fact, KCPH is currently under contract with DEQ to replace wood burning heaters with non-wood burning devices in the nonattainment area.

KCPH is excited to continue its partnership with DEQ through this Targeted Airshed Grant Program. This grant would afford us the opportunity to make significant, sustainable emissions reductions as we strive to achieve attainment status. Thank you for considering this application.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Little", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jennifer Little, MPH  
Director